

Visits of the delegation from Government of Maharashtra from 6th to 14th February, 2024 (including travel time) to Berlin-Germany, Amsterdam-Netherland and Milan-Italy.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Co-operation, Marketing and Textile Department
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Government Resolution

The Government of Maharashtra, through MAGNET Society, is implementing the Asian Development Bank (ADB)-assisted Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) project to develop integrated value chains for selected 15 horticulture crops in the state. The MAGNET project aims to increase the income of small and marginal farmers in the state. The core objectives of the project are to enhance farmers' income, support value addition, reduce post-harvest losses, increase farm productivity, and mainstream opportunities for rural women and lower castes to alleviate rural poverty.

FRUIT LOGISTICA 2024 is scheduled to take place in Berlin, Germany, from 7th to 9th February 2024. FRUIT LOGISTICA is the world's one of the most important trade fair for the fresh produce industry, providing direct access to the global market. The fair encompasses the entire spectrum of the value chain, from seed and fruit development to packaging and automation.

Given the focus of the MAGNET project on horticulture value chain development, the delegation plans to visit FRUIT LOGISTICA in Berlin, Germany, from 7th to 9th February 2024. As Maharashtra is one of the leading flower-exporting states in India, the delegation will also visit the Royal Flora Holland Flower Auction Centre in the Netherlands from 10th to 11th February 2024. Additionally, they will visit Fruit & Vegetable wholesale markets and a Tissue Culture Lab in Italy from 12th to 14th February 2024, including travel dates.

The delegation aims to identify global importers to boost the export of horticulture crops from the state. This visit aims to explore new technologies, processing machinery, packaging solutions, and automation for horticulture crops to strengthen the value chains being developed for selected crops in Maharashtra.

Considering these potential benefits, the Government of Maharashtra, through MAGNET Society, has planned a study visit for the officials mentioned below to Berlin, Germany; Amsterdam, the Netherlands; and Milan, Italy, from 6th to 14th February 2024, inclusive of travel time:-

Name	Designation	Period
Mr.Vinayak Vithhalrao Kokare	Project Director, Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) project, Pune	6 th to 14 th February, 2024
Dr.Amol Manchak Yadav	Additional Project Director, Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) project, Pune.	6 th to 14 th February, 2024

2. Accordingly, Government of Maharashtra is pleased to accord the sanction to the following tour of above officers.

Date	Departure	Arrival	Details
06.02.2024	Mumbai	Berlin	Travel from Mumbai to Berlin
07.02.2024			Visit to FRUIT LOGISTICA 2024 Exhibition
08.02.2024			Visit to FRUIT LOGISTICA 2024 Exhibition
09.02.2024	Berlin	Amsterdam	Travel from Berlin to Amsterdam
10.02.2024			Visit to Royal Flora Holland, Alsmeer Market.
11.02.2024	Amsterdam	Milan	Travel from Amsterdam to Milan
12.02.2024			visit to Automercado De Milan Italy Market
13.02.2024			Visit to Floriculture Nursery and Tissue Culture Lab in Lombardy.
14.02.2024	Milan	Mumbai	Return journey from Milan to Mumbai

3. All expenses for the visit, such as air travel, visa, stay arrangements etc., will be borne by the Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project, Pune.

4. The Government is further pleased to authorize the Period of absence from duty of nominated officers to be treated as "on duty period until they resumes on their duty on return to India from the said tour.

5. Nominated officers are also allowed to avail of the transit period as required for completing the visa formalities etc. and performing journey from the place of their duty to the place of tour and back. It is certified that for the foreign tour, this officers would have continued to officiate in present posting and pay scale.

6. During the period of above tour, nominated officers will be entitled to leave salary in the post held by them prior to their visit programme. Government of Maharashtra will bear the expenditure on account of salary for the entire tour period (inclusive of journey period)

7. Nominated officers should submit a report to Government about their Study tour of this order, Participation in the said programme, within the period of three months from the date.

8. This Government Resolution is issued with the concurrence of General Administration Department, Government of Maharashtra UOR No.12/2024/Desk-11, dated 24.01.2024.

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By the order and in the name of Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra.

(Dr. Sugriv Dhapate)

Joint Secretary to Government of Maharashtra

To ,

- 1) The Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 2) The Secretary, to the Government of India, Ministry of Economic Affairs, New Delhi.
- 3) The Secretary, to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
- 4) The Additional Chief Secretary, (Services), General Administration Department Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 5) The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 6) The Additional Chief Secretary, Co-operation and Marketing Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 7) Mr.Vinayak Vithhalrao Kokare, Project Director, Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) project, Pune
- 8) Dr.Amol Manchak Yadav, Additional Project Director, Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) project, Pune.
- 9) Select File.